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SUBJECT: ECONOMIST RICHARD COOPER

REF: BUCHAREST 5281-U; STATE 264706

1. POST GRATEFUL TO AGENCY FOR CONTACTING PROF. COOPER AND AGREES TO MARCH 16-19 VISIT, AUGMENTING AIR FARE (APPROX. \$250), \$200 HONORARIUM AND THREE DAYS PER DIEM. POST WOULD PREFER TO PAY COOPER ALL FUNDS FOLLOWING ARRIVAL BUCHAREST IN FORM OF CHECK AND DOLLARS, SMALL AMOUNT OF LEI.
 2. PLEASE REASSURE COOPER THAT "LITTLE KNOWLEDGE" AREA'S ECONOMIES PRESENT NO PROBLEM HIS APPEARANCE. IN ADDITION HE WILL BE GIVEN EMBASSY BRIEFING PRIOR TO FACING ROMANIAN AUDIENCES.
 3. POST ENVISIONS FOLLOWING PROGRAM: ONE PUBLIC LECTURE AND ONE ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION IN AMERICAN LIBRARY; VISITS TO BANK FOR FOREIGN TRADE, ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES AND POSSIBLY ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT IN U. OF BUCHAREST. AUDIENCES THEREFORE WILL INCLUDE SOPHISTICATED GOVT. OFFICIALS, ECONOMISTS AND PERHAPS STUDENTS.
 4. POST INTERESTED IN PROF. COOPER'S SUGGESTIONS AS TO TOPIC AREAS
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AND TITLES FOR LECTURE AND ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION AND OFFERS FOL-

LOWING IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION: THE ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION ON "INFLATION AND MONETARY RESTRAINT," INIDBICH EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON EAST-WEST TRADE ARE DISCUSSED OR "FINANCING OF EAST-WEST TRADE;" FOR THE PUBLIC LECTURE TO AN AUDIENCE OF ECONOMISTS, GOVT. OFFICIALS, JOURNALISTS AND LAYMEN WE PROPOSE A SURVEY OF U.S. ECONOMY IN THE NEXT DECADE. IN THIS TALK DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY WOULD BE EXAMINED AND WE ARE LOOKING NOT FOR PREDICTIONS BUT RATHER THOUGHTFUL IDEAS ON SIGNIFICANT TRENDS. A WORKING TITLE COULD BE "THE U.S. ECONOMY IN 1980."

ROMANIA IS VITALLY INTERESTED IN THE ENERGY AND FOOD CRISES AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THESE PROBLEMS COULD BE WORKED INTO EITHER LECTURE OR ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION.

LECTURE WOULD BE 40 TO 45 MINUTES WITH CONSECUTIVE TRANSLATION. ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION FOR 12-15 PARTICIPANTS WOULD ALSO INVOLVE CONSECUTIVE TRANSLATION AND WOULD BEGIN WITH 15-20 MINUTES OF OPENING REMARKS BY PROF. COOPER AND WOULD LAST APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS.

VISITS TO OTHER INTISTUTIONS WOULD BE OF UNSTRUCTURED NATURE AND WOULD LIKELY INVOLVE FAR-RANGING DISCUSSION TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

5. THERE WILL BE TWO OR THREE EMBASSY-SPONSORED SOCIAL EVENTS IN WHICH PROF. COOPER AND EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL BE INVOLVED WITH AUDIENCES DESCRIBED ABOVE.

6. POST DELIGHTED IN COOPER INTEREST AND HAPPY TO RESPOND ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. COOPER MAY WISH TO CONVEY THESE QUESTIONS TO VOL. SPEAKERS DIVISION OR WRITE DIRECTLY TO STEPHEN CHAPLIN, AM CON GEN BUCH, APO NEW YORK 09757.
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